French set on fire, after blowing up the railway bridge across the Var-

troops fought much more bravely than the British.

"In the ten days' operations, which history will call the opera-tions on the Vardar and Karassu, our troops were opposed by 67,000 French and 75,000 British, with 600 field guns, 130 moun-tain guns and 80 heavy howitzers.

ATHENS, Dec. 18.—Official de atches to the War Office to-day orted a full in the battle along be Serbia-Greek border and declared that no large force of Bulgars BIG LOANS IN GERMANY. has yet crossed the Greek frontier Small scouting parties that advanced over the border in pursuit of the ai lies immediately withdrew.

In making public these despatches officials did not state at what time they were filed. It is possible that press reports of a Bulgar invasion may be borne out in later War Office

The main body of expeditionary has retreated further toward

Reports of the invasion of Greece by Bulgarian troops came from Sa-ionica. One despatch said Bulgarians troops had pressed southward across the border from Monastir. Other reports said the Bulgarians had crossed south of Giegveil, near Mayadala.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The latest information obtainable by the Havas correspondent at Athens was that the allied front extended as far as Kukus,

d Greece, about twenty-five miles forth of Salonica. It is said the German and Bulgarian

forces in the Gievgell section consist of nine divisions, three German and six Bulgarian. Greek troops in Macedonia have been ordered to avoid all contact with

foreign troops.

The assertion made in an official Bulgarian communication that the Franco-British line had been cut is not borne out by the correspondent of the Temps, who says: "Effects to envelop or cut our lines altogether

supplementary war credit of 10,000,000 marks (\$2,500,000,000) denied asconducted with great skill. All the wounded were brought in except a few who could not be moved. The guns were piled on trains of freight cars, on which the last remaining inhabitants of the evacuated towns departed, their belongings scattered among the guns or heaped on top of the cars. The city of Gievgeli was destroyed. SALONICA (via Paris), Dec. 15 .-- An

GRENADE FIGHTING IN THE ARTOIS DISTRICT

French Shells Explode a German Munitions Depot Near Tracy-le-Val.

PARIS, Dec. 15 .- The official report on the progress of hostilities given out the French War Office this after n reads as follows: "Last night there was fighting with

hand grenades in the Artols district nd in the sectors of Roolincourt and

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throws back from the Doiran-Glevgell line upon the Greek frontler. It must be stated that the French troops fought much MORE WAR FUNDS

All Classes in Every City Flocking to Subscribe to a

New Loan.

Secretary of Imperial Treasury Says Allies Must Bear Blame if War Goes On.

PARIS, Dec. 15 .- The people France were to-day answering the Salonica. Scarcely more than a di-vision (15,000 men) of Angio-French that proposals for peace must come that proposals for peace must come pared just inside the Greek border from the allies. Thousands of men to oppose an advance by Bulgarians and women from all classes were flocking to subscribe to the new loan to continue the war.

This was the closing day for subscriptions. Long lines formed outside the post offices and the shops of the tobacconists, where subscriptions were being received in Paris. There was every indication that the loan would prove a great success.

Other cities reported similar scenes. Subscriptions were being taken in all French colonies and in foreign countries.

Government officials refused to a timate the sum raised but pointed out that it had been unnecessary to extend the time limit for the closing of subscriptions.

BERLIN (via London), Dec. 15,-Dr. Karl Helfferich, Secretary of the Imperial Treasury, in his speech in the over 25,000,000,000 marks (\$6,250,000,000)

in subscriptions. Referring to his estimate in August that the total cost of the war to all the belligerents was almost 300,000,000 marks daily, Dr. Heifferich said that this amount could now be estimated at from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 marks This would make a yearly cost of almost 120,006,000,000 marks, he saidan amount equal to half the total valuation of the public and private wealth of France before the war. He said that almost two-thirds of this expenditure was shouldered by the

Entente Allies and a little over onethird by Germany and her allies. Germany, he declared, had drawn her funds almost exclusively from of the Chantecler Farm. Between the Chise and the Alsne heavy French shells caused the explosion of a depet of German munitions at a point to the north of Pulsaleine, in the region of Tracy-le-Val.

"In the Vosges, at Ban-de-Sapt, Prench batteries directed their fire subscriptions respectively 4,500,000.

men who were endeavoring to repair 12.500,000,000 marks. He asserted the trenches shattered by our bombardment of yesterday.

that the conditions of the loans in enemy countries had grown progressively worse.

BOMB AT ROEBLING PLANT?

Trenten Hears Another Missile Mass

Been Found in Factory.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 15.—Although the police of this city and the officials of the John A. Roebling Sons Company; claim to know nothing of the finding of a bomb at the works last Thursday night, there is a report here that such was the case, and that the suard at the plant has been doubled since that night.

The police will not admit they have seen the bomb, nor will they admit they have been investigating.

A young man—an only son—meried against the wishes of his parents. A about time afterward, in telling a friend how to break the news to them, he said.

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BRITISH REPULSE

Base at Kut-el-Amara Was Shelled dealings with Robert C. Wood? for Three Days, Says Gen.

Townshend.

in Mesopotamia shelled the British vices in connection with that conbase at Kut-el-Amara for three days tract. After some inquiry we sent the sch and bowels, stimulates the and then delivered two attacks, both

CONSTANTINOPLE (via London), Dec. 15 .- The Turkish War Office today gave out the following statement concerning the progress of hostilities: "Irak Front (in Mesopotamia)-The

"Irak Front (in Mesopotamia)—The activity of the enemy's artillery near Kut-el-Amara daily is decreasing, owing to our violent counter fire. As a consequence of successful attacks our troops have approached closely to the enemy's main positions.

"Dardanelles Front—Our artillery successfully bombarded the enemy's positions near Anafarta, and hostile ships near Kemikle Liman, compelling the vessels to withdraw.

"Monday there was violent hombigating against our trenches in the centre. Our artillery successfully shelled the enemy artillery positions and destroyed a block house and two bridges across the Kerevix Der."

There was on the letter a memorandum in pencil: "Charge agent's expenses. J. H. Johnson, Sec. & Treas."

The Weather a Year Age To-day Aug.

Ciear, Temperature, High, Tr. Les 10 — pencil and the control of the contro

White Overcoats and Caps Given German Troops To Conceal Their Movements in Russian Snows



SQUAD of GERMAN INFANTRY MEN in their NEW SNOW UNIFORM 30

DINTERNATIONAL PRESS ENCHARGE ...

NO PEACE UNTIL BELGIUM IS PAID, THE ALLIES INSIST

Reichstag in suport of the bill for a British Agent Also Quoted as Declaring for Indemnity

for the Serbians.

to be acting under orders from the British Government, have given out copies of a cipher message from an dicating the main terms of peace that will be demanded by the allies if they are victorious. The message reads:

"One of the main points in the allies' peace terms is that on no account will the German mercantile marine flag be permitted to be seen upon the high seas until full indemnification has been paid. The allies have the power to do this and mean to use it to the full extent.

These officers are authority for the statement that even if Germany were able utterly to clash France and Russia, they could never overcome the British fleet, and it to that superiority which ultimately must drive

Germany to sue for peace. No amount of indemnity is men tioned, but the British agents declare the allies will demand complete indemnification of Belgium and Serbia. together with large payments toward their own war debte

Germany's mercantile marine is second only to Great Britain's, more than \$100,000,000 worth of German vessers being tied up in American ports alone. Without her overseas commerce, which now is stifled by the British fleet, the British agents say, Germany can never recoup her war losses.

Early July, 1914.

Wood asks for and gets control of the China Coper to China

RIBE ASNED FUN R. C. WOOD, SAYS COMPANY'S PRESIDENT Company's PRESIDE

elected President of the company, to ATTACKS OF TURKS succeed Col. Prout and J. W. Seaman and Signal Company, but not why, it is our policy not to encourage men to tell about their former employers— Q. Had your company any other

A. Yes. In the Kansas City, Clay County and St. Joseph contract. About May 1, 1914, we received a request from Sidney G. Johnson to pay LONDON, Dec. 15.-Turkish forces \$1,500 to Robert C. Wood for his ser-

check.

Mr. Updegraff produced a letter written on the Union Switch and Sig
W. R. Grace & Co. buys Southern Pacific's 110,800 shares of Pacific Mail at a possible maximum of \$12.50, minority stockholders to receive the same offer. check. nay Company's paper from their office, No. 30 Church Street, New York, dated April 30, 1914, addressed to the treasurer of the company, saying:

"Please have a voucher made up for Mr. Robert C. Wood for special representing services. This in pursuance of an arrangement approved by Col. Prout. I would be glad to have the check reach this office Monday morning. The writer will advise you later as to which account this item shall apply."

This was signed Sidney G. Johnson.

Q. I see here an indorsement "Refund of \$500 received 5-11-14. K. C., C. & St. J." What does that mean? A. I don't know. I don't recognize the writing.

Attached to the letter was Voucher 42,742 of the Union Switch and Signal Company, reading:

"\$1,500. Pay to Robert C. Wood for services vouchered May 4 1914. Ex-

services vouchered May 4, 1914. Ex-amined, approved, correct and record-ed. W. M. Ebbarts, chief account-

INDORSEMENT CHECK.

Trust Company of New Jersey. It also from 1 to 2 points in second hour, were a memorandum above Mr. Wood's Market was dull in first hour indersement: "For special services, afternoon, with trading confined to

"It was," said Mr. Updegraff, When asked for the addresses of the

S. Rosenwald, merchant, Grand very active buying. Marin Boulevard, Chicago: Thomas Rodd, sold off at the close to 73.

Lines, Pittsburgh. Senator Thompson announced a re cess for an hour and a half at the conclusion of Mr. Updegraff's testi-mony. During a part of this time Mr. Updegraff and Paul D. Cravath

mony. During a part of this time Mr. Updograff and Paul D. Cravath Alise Chainson 12 to were closeted with the Committee in a private conference.

In view of the testimony of Mr. Updograff, the following dates are interesting:

May 6, 1914, Robert Colgate Wood receives \$11,50 for "special services" and steel the Union Switch & Signal Co., through his friend, Sidney G. Johnson.

May 15, 1914, Robert Colgate Wood appointed Public Service Commissioner.

Company dismiss Sidney G. Johnson and President Prout, who favors his proposition.

July 2, Centre Street loop contract limit, awarded to the Federal Agnal Com-

in a hurry to appear as a witness. Since This was the first time I heard of the \$5,000 bribe story. He told us that he since the think that resigned from the Union Switch strength of the think that he will be the think the strength of the think t a dog that will fetch a bone will carry a bone."

ITEMS FOR INVESTORS.

Union Bag and Paper Company has I & Rusber 64's 5 and satisfactory disposition of several I & Soci. 57 is Canadian properties which have I is Steel pt. 116's 17 its Canadian properties which have I ish Copper 80.5 in the paying their way. Development of water power and changes are west Taion Tel. 80 expected to result in benefits to the Total raise, 654,814 shares.

N. Y. Central regular quarterly divi-dend of 1% per cent, payable Peb. 1 to record of Jan. 5.

N. Y. Oklahoma Oll Company—Regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent. on preferred stock, payable Jan. 1 to record of Dec. 27: also 4½ per cent. to cover accumulated dividends on preferred for past three quarters of 1915.

Lenigh Valley Rathroad's quarterly dividends of 2's per cent, on preferred Jan and common stocks, payable Jan 3 to March.

WALL STREET

Buying at the opening absorbed scattered selling in considerable volume and later quotations showed advances. New York Central sold at 105 7-8, a new high record for year. Mercantile Marine preferred certificates were active, rising 31-4 points Also attached was the concelled to 77 1-4. Baldwin Locomotive gained check No. 762 of the Union Switch & 11-2 to 117 3-4 and United States Steel Signal Company, Swissvale, Pa., May 5, 1914, on the Union National Bank of Pittsburgh, in favor of Robert C, Wood for \$1,500, signed W. B. Updegraff, President, Indorsements showed that the check had been deposited by Robert C. Wood in the Commercial Stock market and prices sagged off trees.

Market was dull in first hour of afternoon, with trading confined to a This check was paid by you to few specialties. Marine preferred and copies of a cipher message from an Robert C. Wood in accordance with oil stocks were active and strong official in the British War Staff, in- the voucher?" asked Counsel Lewis. Texas Oil sold at 2331-2, up \$1-2

When asked for the addresses of the directors who debated Johnson's proposition to pay \$5,000 to Commisspecialties. Texas Oil advanced to sioner Robert C. Wood he gave them 2351-4 and Mexican Petroleum at Henry D. Prout, Nutley, N. J.; John R. McCune, President of the Union National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa.; M. troleum issues gained 5 points on very active buying. Marine preferre

> Closing Quotations. With net changes from previous closes,

CHICAGO WHEAT AND CORN MARKET.

ferred for past three quarters of 1915.

U. S. Steel Corporation has set aside stock for subscription by afficers and employees. Price has not been agreed lividends.

NEW YORK.

1915 FARM CROPS IN U.S. WORTH \$5,568,773,000

Department of Agriculture Quotes Value of Various Leading Products at Dec. 1 Prices.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 - This ture to-day announced. The value of each crop was

000; winter wheat, \$622.012,000; spring | 000 francs (\$400,000) to the Governwheat, \$308,290,000; fall wheat, \$930,- | ment. 202,000; oats, \$555,562,000; barley, \$122,-499,000; rye, \$41,295,000; buckwheat, \$12,408,000; flaxseed, \$24,080,000; rice, \$26,212,000; potatoes, \$221,194,000; sweet potatoes, \$46,081,000; nay, \$912.820,000; obacco, \$96,041,000; cotton, \$600,193,000.

The wheat crop will total 1,011,505,-000 bushels, against 891,017,000 bushels in 1914. Corn shows 3,054,585,000 bushels, against 2,672,804,000 in 1914. Cotton for 1915 is 11.181,000 bales, against 16,135,000 last year.

In addition, it was announced that the apple crop was 76,670,000 bushels. valued at \$156,407,000; the bean crop, in the three principal producing States, 9,325,000 bushels-a decrease of 1.688,000 bushels-valued at \$27,-558,000, and the cranberry crop, 457,-000 bushels, valued at \$2,845,000. The value of these three crops are in cluded in the year's total.

CALLS THE NAVY LEAGUE MORGAN BRANCH OFFICE

Congressman Tavenner Charges That Founders Are Schwab, Morgan and Midvale Steel Co.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- The Navy League was denounced as a branch office of a "J. P. Morgan War Trust," backed by contributions from makers of war munitions, in a speech in the House to-day by Representative Tavenner of Illinois, who asked for Government manufacture of all war

equipment. He charged the founders of the Navy League are the Midvale Steel Company, Charles M. Schwab and J. P. Morgan. Munition companies controlled by these men, he said, have a monopoly on armor plate, and since 1887 have sold the overnment \$102,-000,000 of their product.

"We have paid for armor piate an average of \$440 per ton when we could produce it in a government plant for \$288 per ton," said Tavenner. "Of the \$102,000,000 spent since 1887, we could have saved approximately \$35,000,000 by government manufacture, I contend that we could have a one-fourth larger navy without the levying of an extra cent of taxation, if the United States made its own armor plate and munisticns."

DR. BARONY WAR PRISONER.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 15 .- Dr. Rob ert Barony, Nobel prize winner, for research in connection with the human eur, who was formerly a specialist attached to the Royal Hospital, Vienna, is a Russian prisoner of war, according to Dr. Franklin E. Cutler, a Cleveland physician, who has returned here from

Vienna. "Dr. Barony was captured when Przemysł fell." Dr. Cutler said. "He was sent to Siberla. I do not believe he has heard of the Nobel prize awarded him, as announcement was made after his capture." Submarine Aground at Hawall.

HONOLULU, Dec. 15. - The United States submarine K-8 was stranded i shallow water in Pearl Harbor yestertrouble with her steering gear. The post ion of the vessel was not danserous and

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BIG SUMS IN GRAFT TAKEN IN FRANCE ON WAR CONTRACTS

Deputy Simyan Causes Uproar in House of Deputies by Exposure of Scandals.

PARIS, Dec. 15,-In the course of debate in the Chamber of Deputies severe criticism was made by relations between the War Ministry and Simyan was mistaken. He attempted to speak further, but the confusion was so great that his remarks could not be heard.

When quiet was restored M. Simyan persons whose sole occupation hitherto had consisted in frequenting pleasure resorts at night and there. pleasure resorts at night and there picking up customers. These persons, it was said, were regarded as worthy to furnish shoes, clothing and cannon.

Deputy Julien-Antoine Simyan said this was scandalous, and even eriminal, and that a Government official who, being informed of the facts, declined to strike the guilty persons became an accomplice.

M. Simyan asserted proper precautions had been taken and that excessive prices had been paid for supplies. He then referred to certain papers in regard to dealings with an aeroplane company, which he said could not be found at the Ministry of War.

An attack was then made by M. Simyan upon those who are conducting, for private gain, enterprises described as charitable. One woman, he said, had been condemned twenty-one times for this offense, but was still operating.

Another abuse, the deputy continued, consisted in paying large sums on ear's principal farm crops were account, in violation of the usual \$5,568,773,000 at Dec. 1 farm procedure, when contracts for supprices, the Department of Agricul- piles were signed. He asserted that for a year officials had been discussan- ing what action should be taken nounced as follows: Corn. \$1,755,859,- against a contractor who owes 2,000,-

M. Simyan demanded that the Chamber compel Joseph Thierry, Under Secretary of State for Subsist-

ence, to throw open his files bearing on these affairs. He said 30,000 horses had been purchased from an English

dealer for about 60,000,000 francs. Information regarding this transaction has developed the fact that the intermediary was the Marquis Crevecoeur, former associate of Henri Rochette, who fied to Mexico after being convicted and sentenced to prison on the charge of swindling.

In the purchase of horses alone, M declared, Simyan amounting to several million france had been paid. The commission which controls Government purchases took the ground that if the facts were known they would cause a public protest. The secretary of Alexandro Millerand, then Minister of War, was of the same opinion, the speaker continued, and M. Millerand approved his secretary's view. This assertion brought M. M.

This assertion brought M. Millerand to his feet. He protested that M

write less, but strike hard."

The entire Chamber applauded as
M. Simyan concluded. Further discussion of the interpellation in regard to contracts was postponed until Thursday.



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